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VALUE OF CARRIER PIGEONS

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

traversed in the flight.

minute, self contained, automatic cameras, the lense of one turned forward and the other back, so that no matter what ing names, numbers, and messages. position the pigeon takes, one view of the ground may always be obtained. Attached to the shutter is a spoonshaped lever which is worked by means of a tiny rubber ball. As the air escapes through a little hole, the ball collapses, allowing the lever to loosen its hold upon the shutter. The whole apparatus is fitted in an aluminum frame and weighs less than two and a half ounces-the greatest load that can be carried by a pigeon. The tiny camera takes thirty views, one and a half inches

The honor of this invention belongs to Dr. Neubronner of Cronberg, Germany, who evolved and constructed the miniature camera. The military authorities of Germany are greatly interested in the invention, and have invited Dr. Neubron ner to conduct a series of experiments in conjunction with their balloon corps at Tegel, near Berlin. These photographer pigeons will probably prove invaluable warfare, as both the besiegers and the besieged can thus get correct information as to the lay of the land in the enemy's lines. In all likelihood pigeons will be used in conection with dirigible balloons, the birds can mount higher and higher and obtain the desired pictures, while the balloon stays at a safe distance from the

The earliest account of military pigeons in Europe was in 1574, during the war between the Dutch and the Spaniards. The city of Leyden was besieged by the enemy, and the inhabitants were dying of FROM WOMAN'S and plague. When condition were beyond endurance the frenzied people assembled in the street, demanding food and relief. Just at this critical mo ment the burgomaster, who was as powerless to help as the people themselves, to rise in protest against the charge of as other machines. BETTY BRADEEN. received a carried pigeon bringing news slavery made by those who are fighting of succor at hand. These joyful tidings for the ballot and a lot of followers who ACTRESSADMITSENGAGEMENT really do not know what they want? Is to withstand the attack until the arrival, a few days later, of the Admiral of Zeland and his flotilla, who brought food as well? She is tied to domestic work

rier pigeons were employed extensively career. to convey messages, and as it was neceswere magnified, and by means of a projecting lantern, thrown upon a screen, where they were easily read. It is told that one bird, on one trip, carried as much matter as would make sixteen large newspaper sheets. A huge price

country because of its logs, in which the pigeons are unable to find their way. The United States has numerous lofts along duties of neither can be shirked. the Atlantic coast, and more are proposed. Gen. Miles tells of the services man does not realize the full significance performed by carrier pigeons during In-dian wars, when lines were broken by pleasant matters and is very glad to take the savages, and necessary communica- advantage of her sex when things do not tion was kept up by the carriers. For- please her. I know that more than five eign nations, however, have expended women out of ten would be distinctly large sums of money in training flocks of carriers. Russia has appropriated as much as \$10,000 at one time for that purpose, while England, Italy, and other promptness. continental powers have maintained hundreds of these pigeons to supplement other devices used by their armies.

Pigeons were used by mercantile com-

this means of conveying the news of the be pleasant. How many of us would market. The Rothschilds established a relish paying our share of an evening's England. A story is told of a man in escort of the other sex to look after all Aleppo, where there was a branch office the expenses. of this company. By some accident this man killed one of the birds belonging to the company, and on reading the message in theory. I will admit that the woman it carried found that there was a great scarcity of galls in England. With an eye to the main chance, he at once bought up ail the available article in his rest of the country and made what was part of the country, and made what was in those days an immense fortune.

Stories are told of pearl smugglers who make pigeons their accomplices in slipping large quantities of valuable stones across the boundaries of certain countries. Some of the leading newspapers of this country have recently established pigeon services for the rapid conveyance of news. The late George W. Childs, of Philadel-

The late George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, was a great lover of pigeons. He presented a full cote of these birds to the United States cruiser New York.

The sport of flying pigeons is comparatively popular in the United States. The first incentive to distance flying was in 1878, when a prize of \$100 was offered the owner of the first pigeon returning from a station 500 miles away. For two years no prize was won, but finally it years no prize was won, but finally it was captured by a flight from New York to Steubenville, Ohio, a distance of 340 miles. The winning bird made the double trip in one day, to the astonishment of

Experts are divided in their opinions as to how the carrier pigeons find their way to the home cote. When released, the birds rise several hundred yards into the air, circling as they go. Suddenly they dart off in the exact direction of home, never failing to correctly divine that direction, except at times, when confused by fog, rain, or snow. The record short flight of a carrier pigeon is 1.780 yards in a minute—eighty-seven feet more sport of many fanciers, and birds are of-ten carrier to Georgia from Washington, Baltimore, and New York, and there re-leased for the homeward race. The record long-distance flight is 1,000 miles in two days and nine hours.

In covering long distances, pigeons often rest, feed, and loiter on their way. The office of the Fourth Assistant Post master General in Washington is a favor ite resting place for those which fiy over the Capital City. Many a tired navigator of the air here finds rest for his wings and feed for his craw. The presence of so many pigeons has caused a Virginia hawk to make the post-office tower his dining quarters, and time and again the members of the office force have found a metal band and a few feathers to tell the tragic end of another carrier's journey. The whole force is after that hawk, but up to this time the wily marauder has

escaped every trap set for him. The piegon industry has been develope to a surprising extent in this country.

The newest and most interesting use There are several magazines devoted exto which the carrier pigeon has been clusively to the pigeon, and others that put is photography. For some time maintain departments treating the subput is photography. For some time aerial picture taking has been done by means of cameras connected with bal-enable pigeon fanciers to get best results. loons and kites, but now the pigeon For instance, there is a "lost and found" bids fair to become more useful. A tiny department in one magazine, in which apparatus is attached by rubber bands may be read advertisements of carriers inhabitants of these countries, from the and straps to the body of the bird, found, giving the number attached to the rulers down to the common people, keep and as it flies the busy little kodak is small aluminum band around the leg of them in large flocks and train them. This taking pictures of the country which is the pigeon. A bird bred in Massachusetts may be found in Virginia and returned to its owner through this department. Ex-The arrangement is composed of two tensive manufacturing establishments are

> History is replete with reference to the exploits of the homing variety of pigeon.
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> The carrier is said to have been of

Oriental origin, being brought to England from Bagdad. Pliny tells of the use of carriers by Decimus Junius Brutus during the Roman wars to convey mes sages to his consuls. In Syria a pigeon postal service was maintained from 1145 to 1174, towers being maintained at stated intervals, wherein men watched for the birds and assisted them to perform their functions efficiently. Victors in the classic Olympic games sent news of their triumphs to friends at home by carrier pigeons.

In ancient times the pigeon was sacred in many Eastern countries, and in Russia, Turkey, and other parts of the far East is still so regarded. In all Mohammedan countries great numbers of May Robson. pigeons are attached to the mosques, practice spread to Europe in the Middle Ages, and the city of Modena, Italy, is celebrated as a pigeon-flying center. It is believed the practice of training pet falcons in early English history grew from the older practice of training pigeons in the far East.

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LITTLE PILGRIMS.

We are weary little pilgrims, straying in a world of gloom; just behind us is the cradle, just before us is the tomb; there is nothing much to guide us or the proper path to mark, as we toddle on our journey, little pilgrims in the dark. And we jostle and we struggle in our feeble, futile wrath, always striving, always reaching to push others from our path; and the wrangling and the jangling of our peevish voices rise to the seraphims that watch us through the star holes in the skies; and they say: "The foolish pilgrims! Watch them as they push and shove! They might have a pleasant ramble if their hearts were full of love, if they'd help and cheer each other from the hour that they embark-but they're only blind and erring little pilgrims in the dark!" WALT MASON. (Copyright, 1909, by George Matthew Adams.)

POINT OF VIEW

Is it not about time for married women These joyful tidings for the ballot and a lot of followers who as well? She is tied to domestic work, During the siege of Paris, in 1870, car- you know, and kept from a business Miss Barrymore Says Date of Wed-

sary to have as small a burden-as possible a clever idea was conceived. The letilege of the ballot and the poll tax that Assuredly women should have the privters and dispatches were set in type and printed on small cards, which were then rights to be protected. I, for one, would photographed to minute proportions, the films 2x1½ inches. These were put in small waterproof quills and attached to the tail of the pigeon. On its arrival at its destination, the kodaked messages were when the many of a proposition of the pigeon of a proposition of the pigeon. On its arrival at the kodaked messages were warried and by means of a proposition. clination should be permitted to say their

There are women who look with horror upon the grind of a business life and are was asked for this service, the postage content to remain under the pretection of husband, father, and brothers, highprobably of less use to England than any names handed about by the over-zealous. country because of its fogs, in which the As I have said before there must be

We all know that we have not yet reached the point of regarding the man who sits in a car while we hang to a panies before the time of the telegraph. strap as a real gentleman, and that the The regular couriers were too slow for disappearance of the small courtesies pigeon service, with places of reception outing with a masculine companion? Men on both sides of the channel. One of the do it when they travel about together, business houses to employ these winged and women sometimes follow that plan postmen was the Turkey Company, of among themeslves, but they expect an

To face a life of responsibilities is fine-

of herself goes into her life-work and of the engagement, and it is the plan of she must allow the machinery of the Mr. de Koven to conduct it himself on body to rest or it will be as short-lived the opening night.

ding to Mr. Colt Is Not Fixed.

Star in "Lady Frederick" Will Not Give Up the Stage for the Present, Is Report.

New York, March 10 .- Miss Ethel Barrymore to-day confirmed in Boston, where she is playing, the report of her engagement to Russell Griswold Colt.

Mr. Colt is the eldest son of Samue Pomeroy Colt, president of the United States Rubber Company, and of the In-The value of the pigeon to the military is attested by the fact that every govoston Sunday and called on Col. Colt at his apartments in the Holland House. This, according to these informants, was his first knowledge of the affair.

not been set. It might take place next week. She would not say more on the present. Mr. Colt may accompany her urday matinees. and they will probably go abroad for the

was at one time in the employ of the

ported to be engaged. Among the names mentioned with hers were Laurence Irving, the son of Sir Henry Irving, and Gerald du Maurier. The engagement of Miss Barrymore to Capt. Henry Graham, of London, was announced in July, 1905, and they were to have been married the following winter. No wedding materializ-ed, and it was said that Miss Barrymere

had changed her mind. Miss Barrymore is the daughter of Maurice and Georgie Drew Barrymore,

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Miss Billie Burke, who comes to the National Theater next week, in "Love Watches," has given the following answars to what might be described as a ombination "autograph and answer" ollector. These are the questions put to her, and her answers: What is your name? "Billie Burke, really and

Tyler, Bertha Blake,

Where were you born? "Washington, D. C." Where were you educated? "American and of Maces."
What is your favorite city? "The one that is

New National.

What is your favorite amusement? "Bridge." What is your favorite exercise? "Horseb fiding."
What is your favorite role? "Jacqueline."
Who is your favorite author? "Have two favorites—Dickens and Stevenson."
Who is your favorite poet? "Tennyson."
Who is your favorite painter? "Sargent."
Who is your favorite sculptor? "George Gray Sarnard."

Who is your favorite composer? "Chaminade." Who is your favorite actress? "Chaminade."
Who is your favorite actress? "Mande Adams."
What is your favorite flower? "The orchid."
What pleases you most? "Sunshina."
What is your greatest ambition? "To be happy and see lots of other persons happy."

Max Rogers, the "little fellow" of the Rogers Brothers, supported by Joe Kane, Miss Barrymore, who is playing in late star of "The Belle of New York" and "Lady Frederick," said at the Hollis other New York Casino successes, who Theater that she was to marry Mr. Colt, plays the opposite role, and the original but that the date of the wedding had New York Company in his successful musical play "In Panama," will be the subject, but the impression was that she attraction at the Columbia Theater next would not give up the stage for the week, with the usual Thursday and Sat-

The present theatrical season has afforded the theater-going public many Russell Colt is a resident of Boston and novelties in every particular, but, like last was at one time in the employ of the United States Rubber Company and has a fortune in his own right by an inheritance from his grandfather. He is twenty-six years old, and as traveled extensively.

Miss Rarrymore has recently been relive and improve with age like good old wine. Max Rogers will be ably assisted some of the highest salaried artists in their particular line of work, amons them being Joe Kane, Marion Stanley, Josephine Barrows, Eileen Sheridan, Avi-ta Sanchez, Flo May, Sibyl Brennan, Charles Callagher, William Edmund Philip Leigh, Henry Lehman, Alexander Kleinman, and other stage favorites, com bined with and surrounded by one of the largest and most perfecctly drilled choruses of any company traveling in the

Chase's.

Chase's next week will offer its patrons varied assortment of polite vaudeville novelties, the number including Harry Bulger and Company, Paka's Hawaiian Trio, Clermont's Burlesque Circus, Brown, Harris and Brown, Emma Partridge, Mr. Quick, the Vedmars, and the amusing motion pictures of "A Jealous Fisherman."

Harry Bulger will bob up serenely in his old sphere, vaudeville, from which he graduated into the musical comedy and comic opera. His methods are the obvious, emphatic and boisterous kind best liked in the twice a day, and elsewhere nowadays, and it is believed that is about the most popular comedian in his line. For his brief excursion in vaudeville he has taken the laughable camel scene from "Algeria," and has expanded it to vaudeville size by a plot, songs, and incidents, forming one of the musical comedy values ever seen in vaudeville, it is stated. Among his funny ditties is one titled similarly to the sketch "For He Was a Soldier, Too," and "The Captain of the Bismarck Guards." Henrietta Byron and a clever and con-siderable company aid in the merriment. The added attraction will be Paka's Hawaiian Trio, native islanders, in a picturesque musical novelty, rated as the best emanating from our island posses-sions in the Pacific. Clermont's Bur-lesque Circus will be another extraordinary offering, and its laughable features will be fully appreciated. Brown, Harris, and Brown will contribute "Just to Laugh-That's All," affording the audience another opportunity to forget their The other numbers should prove enjoyable

The Academy,

The next attraction at the Academy is "In Old Kentucky," the play that never grows old. The piece has reached the sixteenth year of its enduring success on the American stage, and the end is not yet. It has never been withdrawn for a single season, and practically every playgoer in America has seen the play at some time or other, but nevertheless it turns in a substantial profit to its managers, Litt & Dingwall, every year. The company and production are always kept up to a high standard of excellence, and no inferior or No. 2 company is ever sent out. The pickaninny band, composed

plans of a musical turn of mind, is al-ways an interesting feature of "In Old Kentucky." The race scene is always well done and exciting, and there is an mosphere of good, wholesome Amerianism to it that cannot be denied.

Next week's attraction at the Gayety heater will be "The Hastings Show," at the head of which will be seen Harry Hastings and Viola Sheldon. Two bur-At 8:15 lettas will be offered—"Frolicsome Frolics" and "A Summer's Knight"—both said to be jolly amusers. The vaudeville pro gramme will include acts by Harry Hastings and Viola Sheldon, Thomas Coyne, Varden, Perry, and Wilber, Mildred Flora, Howard and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waltgen, and Campbell and Brady.

The Lyceum Theater announces for next week "The Cozy Corner Girls" in a musical farce, entitled "A Honeymoon Trip," in which fun and song are said to run riot. The organization is made up of such favorites as Will Fox, the Sisters .. At 2:15 and 8:15 Mitchell, Gracie Reynolds, Lena Bruce, and others well known, besides a large chorus of attractive misses. As for scenic and costume effects, this show is claimed to be much above the average.

Fred Niblo Coming.

.At 2:15 and 8:15 the famous American humorist-tourist recently constructed Brooklands track. will present at the Columbia a unique series of "Talks of travel in distant lands." The series will consist of five delightful zigzag journeys to foreign countries, graphically illustrated in beau-tiful colored views and lifelike motion Theater. The society will be assisted by box office of the Belasco Theater for the engagement next week of Jefferson De a trip through Africa from the Cape to soprano, of New York; Master Kotlarsky, Cairo, covering the entire territory that the young Russian violinist, and an or-Angelis, in the new musical play, "The Beauty Spot," by Redinald de Koven and is included in the itinerary of the prochestra of forty musicians.

Joseph Herbert, Featured in the cast is posed hunting trip of ex-President RooseMiss Dodge studied with velt. These travel talks will be educational, entertaining, replete with heart inforemost masters in Europe, among them Marguerite Clarke, that petite personality so long associated with the comic operas terest, and yet very humorous. Not alone Victor Maurel, the great French barytone, the lover of travel in foreign lands, the made successful by De Wolf Hopper. The engagement at the Belasco will be the lover of travel in lotent land, the tourist, the book reader, but the and this country with great success. Her young and old students can profit by voice is a high coloratura soprano, which the premiere, and the first performance Mr. Niblo's zigzag journey through Af-rica, Friday afternoon, and to those who will be attended with all the sparkle so much a part of every first performance. Mr. de Koven himself enjoys a great popularity in Washington, and his great delight in clever witticisms, jolly stories, his and bright descriptions, these illustrated mind travels, without any of the discomfriends alone should insure a brilliant opening; but Mr. De Angelis, Miss Clarke, forts of the actual journey, will be a Viola Gillette, George S. MacFarlane, Billie Norton, Frank Doane, Francis

Burton Holmes.

London, the largest city in the world, with Farrar and Caruso. as it certainly is one of the most interwere in London during this past summer taking snap-shots of the quaint and char- Henry Xander. acteristic, the beautiful and the picturesque in this delightful city, so full of historic memories and modern beauties. The motion pictures will include many What is your age? "Twenty-three, also really and eral well-known sporting events, such as great composers. The coming concert of at 1 cent a word.

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In this lot, offered at \$15.00 each to-day, are suits worth from \$18.00 to \$25.00, the majority being the better grades.

in spring styles from sample pieces of lighter weight late winter or early spring fabrics. Some few of a kind and broken size lines are also included. Altogether the collection is an exceptionally good one, and the variety great.

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Sample Suits-Suits made up | Panama Cloths, Diagonal

Skirts are mostly gored flare effects, finished with one or two folds around the bottom. Sleeves are in the new close-fitting style.

The second public concert this season of the Saengerbund will take place on The first of the series will be Miss Elizabeth Dodge, the distinguished

Miss Dodge studied with some of the

of the violin. His technique is formidable, him at the end of the line, was the new while his fluency of tone and his bold Minister from Haiti, M. Shannon, who and vigorous bow stroke are phenomenal for so young an artist. Kotlarsky has played twice with marked success at the Metropolitan Opera House concerts in at noon.

New York, and went on a concert tour William Hayward, secretary of the Re-

esting, will be the topic of the last Burcompaniments for the chorus, will be General "at once," as has been an
ton Holmes travelogue to be given at the heard in some attractive numbers. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. | weeks at least.

Fronzaley Quartet.

No musical organization in recent years of the King and Queen, taken at short the American public as the Fronzaley has made such a profound impression on ity for the study of character and facial Quartet, which is receiving unstinted

For five Sunday evenings, beginning the "grand national," one of the greatest the organization at the New Masonic Au-March 14, at 8:15, and four Friday after-noon, beginning March 19, Mr. Fred Niblo, glimpses of high-speed motor cars on the lovers, and promises to be one of the most notable musical events of the sea-

> The quartet is composed of four virtuosos of marked ability-A. Betti, first violin; A. Pochon, second violin; Ugo Ara, viola, and Iwan d'Archambeau, 'cello,

DIPLOMATS RECEIVED.

Formally Presented to the New Secretary of State.

In all the gorgeousness of their native lands, the members of the diplomatic corps, headed by the ambassadors and ministers in Washington, called at the State Department yesterday and were formally presented to Secretary Knox. In the line, or rather as custom places

The orchestra, besides playing the ac- become the First Assistant Postmaster Auditorium, Sunday, by Mr. Wright male chorus will render two compositions eral Hitchcock yesterday emphatically de-Kramer. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Kramer with orchestral accompaniments and several in London during this past summer eral without accompaniments. The entire no changes in his department for several A telegram was received by Secretary

Wright yesterday from the new Secretary of War, Jacob M. Dickinson, who is now in Chicago, stating he would be in Washington Friday, ready to take over the reins of that department.

expression. Other motion pictures will praise throughout the country for its in-show busy street scenes, coster life, sev-terpretation of the chamber music of ington Herald, and bill will be sent you



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¶ On March 15, the opening day of the special session of Congress to revise the tariff, Frederic J. Haskin will begin in this newspaper a notable series of articles on American Tariff Laws. These letters will treat the subject from an historical standpoint, and will be absolutely nonpartisan.

They will be written for the entertainment and information of the average reader who knows little about the subject, rather than for the partisan student and expert. Technical disputes and arguments will be omitted to make room for the kind of interesting detail and comment that grips and holds the attention.

While the dispatches tell the daily news from Congress, our correspondent will provide valuable supplementary reading on the great issue of the hour.

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